

BOROUGH OF CRESSKILL

MAYOR AND COUNCIL

CRESSKILL

BERGEN COUNTY

NEW JERSEY

REGULAR MEETING

FEBRUARY 15, 2017

1. Steve Kelman led the Salute to the Flag and Pledge of Allegiance.
2. The Borough Clerk announced that this is a Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council of which at least 48 hours' notice has been given by posting in the Borough Hall, publication in The Record and delivery to all members of the governing body.
3. Mayor Romeo called the meeting to order at 7:45 P.M.
4. Present: Council Members Cleary, Mueller, Olmo, Spina
Also Present: Attorney Salvatore, Borough Officials Laufeld, Chief Wrixon, Engineer Azzolina, Members of the Environmental Commission
Absent: Council Member Savas
Excused: Council Member Tsigounis
5. Motion by Council Member Spina and seconded by Council Member Olmo to approve the minutes of the Mayor and Council Regular meeting of February 1, 2017.

Roll Call: Yes – Unanimous

Motion adopted.

COMMUNICATIONS

6. Minutes of the following meetings:

Municipal Pool Commission
Planning Board

January 9, 2017
January 24, 2017

Filed.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES AND OFFICIALS

7. Council Member Spina said they are getting closer to finalizing a tree ordinance with the Environmental Commission.

Council Member Olmo thanked the DPW for the cleanup of the roads after the snowstorm. Also the Fire Dept., EMS and Police for extinguishing the fire on Piermont Road last Saturday.

Council Member Cleary said he will be attending the JIF meeting tomorrow night.

8. Borough Clerk Nasuto explained all items on the Consent Agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA

NEW BUSINESS

*Resolutions

9. BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Cresskill that the Tax Collector be, and hereby is, authorized to effect the following tax refund for overpayment of 2016 1st quarter taxes:

<u>BLOCK</u>	<u>LOT</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
301	12	Chong, Charles & Jessica 50 Jackson Drive Cresskill, NJ 07626 (for: 50 Jackson Dr.)	\$ 62.31

10. BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council, Borough of Cresskill, that the following February 2017 payrolls be ratified and approved:

February 3, 2017

Current Fund	\$ 297,941.42
Social Security/Medicare	12,957.07
Community Center	2,941.70
Library	<u>11,806.33</u>
	\$ 325,646.52

February 17, 2017

Current Fund	\$ 296,537.12
Social Security/Medicare	13,120.90
Community Center	2,810.55
Library	<u>12,427.68</u>
	\$ 324,896.25

11. BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Cresskill that the following be approved for employment in the 2017 Spring Recreation Program:

Assistant Director

Ann Fischer
126 Brookside Avenue
Cresskill, NJ 07626
Salary: \$1,144.44

Nature Director

Joanne Dimitriadis
104 South Street
Cresskill, NJ 07626
Salary: \$1,144.44

12. WHEREAS, the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, Green Acres Program ("State"), provides loans and/or grants to municipal and county governments and grants to nonprofit organizations for assistance in the acquisition, development and stewardship of lands for outdoor recreation and conservation purposes; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Cresskill desires to further the public interest by obtaining funding in the amount of \$276,515 from the State to fund the following project(s): Cresskill Open Space Acquisition of 222 Piermont Road, Cresskill at a cost of \$276,515.

NOW, THEREFORE, the governing body resolves that Mayor Benedict Romeo or the successor to the office of Mayor is hereby authorized to:

- (a) make application for such a loan and/or such a grant

- (b) provide additional application information and furnish such documents as may be required, and
- (c) act as the authorized correspondent of the above named applicant, and

WHEREAS, the State shall determine if the application is complete and in conformance with the scope and intent of the Green Acres Program, and notify the applicant of the amount of the funding award; and

WHEREAS, the applicant is willing to use the State's funds in accordance with such rules, regulations and applicable statutes, and is willing to enter into an agreement with the State for the above named project;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Cresskill;

1. That the Mayor is hereby authorized to execute an agreement and any amendment thereto with the State known as Cresskill Borough's Open Space Acquisition of 222 Piermont Road, Cresskill; and
2. That the applicant has its matching share of the project, if a match is required, in the amount of \$276,515.
3. That, in the event the State's funds are less than the total project cost specified above, the applicant has the balance of funding necessary to complete the project; and
4. The applicant agrees to comply with all applicable federal, state, and local laws, rules, and regulations in its performance of the project.
5. That this resolution shall take effect immediately.

CERTIFICATION

I, Barbara Nasuto, Borough Clerk do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Cresskill at a meeting held on the 15th day of February, 2017.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunder set my hand and the official seal of this body this 15th day of February, 2017.

Barbara Nasuto
Borough Clerk

13. WHEREAS, Israel Goldman T/A In Limo LLC, has applied for a Limo/Taxi Owner's License and has paid the required fees; and

WHEREAS, the vehicle has been inspected and approved by Chief Edward Wrixon;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the license be authorized for term ending December 31, 2017 subject to requirements of Chapter 246 of the Code of the Borough of Cresskill.

License No. 17-419
2015 Chevy Suburban
Serial # 1GNSK KKC4FR202860

14. WHEREAS, Matthew Vaccarino, T/A Continental Ride, Inc., has applied for a Limo/Taxi Owner's License and has paid the required fees; and

WHEREAS, the vehicle has been inspected and approved by Chief Edward Wrixon;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the license be authorized for term ending December 31, 2017 subject to requirements of Chapter 246 of the Code of the Borough of Cresskill.

License No. 17-420
 2012 Mercedes R3504matic
 Serial # 4JGCB5HE5CA153360

15. WHEREAS, the Borough of Cresskill has been working to meet its constitutional mandate with regard to its affordable housing obligations; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Cresskill has worked with its Planner, Fair Share Housing Center and court appointed Special Master to achieve a settlement of its continuing affordable housing obligation;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Cresskill, that Mayor Benedict Romeo is hereby authorized to sign a Settlement Agreement between the Fair Share Housing Center and the Borough of Cresskill.

16. WHEREAS, the Recreation Committee has scheduled various programs; and

WHEREAS, the following participants are unable to attend;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the recreation fees be returned to:

Eunmi Kim (for: Joshua & Daniel Choi) 296 Highland Street Cresskill, NJ 07626 Amount: \$80.00	June Rhee (for: Brandon Rhee) 104 Stonegate Trail Cresskill, NJ 07626 Amount: \$30.00
Soultana Nikas (for: Nikolaos Nikas) 15 Devonshire Road Cresskill, NJ 07626 Amount: \$30.00	Gili Wolf (for: Roy Wolf) 422 11 th Street Cresskill, NJ 07626 Amount: \$30.00

17. BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Cresskill that the Tax Collector be, and hereby is, authorized to effect the following tax refund for overpayment of 2017 1st quarter taxes:

<u>BLOCK</u>	<u>LOT</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
61	1081	TD Bank Attn: Shannon Poulin 32 Chestnut Street Lewiston, ME 04240 (for: 93 6 th Street)	\$ 2,543.00

18. RESOLUTION OF INTENT TO WORK COOPERATIVELY FOR THE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT OF A GREEN WAY WITHIN THE MUNICIPALITIES OF TENAFLY, ENGLEWOOD, CRESSKILL, DEMAREST, CLOSTER, NORWOOD AND NORTHVALE HERETO REFERRED TO AS THE NORTHERN VALLEY TOWNS

WHEREAS, the Northern Valley Towns consist of approximately 8.0 miles of a continuous and underutilized segment of the former Erie Lackawanna, CSX Northern Branch Railroad; and

WHEREAS, on behalf of their residents, the Borough of Cresskill has been engaged in the planning, evaluation and construction of trail opportunities for community development, public health and public recreational access; and

WHEREAS, freight service under Conrail to New York State was discontinued in the late 1970's; and

WHEREAS, after the breakup of Conrail in 1999, the Northern Branch of the railroad was divided and CSX undertook control of the northern section; and

WHEREAS, after many studies and impact statements regarding the use of a light rail north to Tenafly and Cresskill, it was decided in 2013 to terminate the northern line at the Englewood Hospital and Medical Center location; and

WHEREAS, freight rail service provided by CSX has been discontinued along portions of the corridor located within the Northern Valley, as evidenced by removal of track, signals, grade crossing equipment and has fallen into disrepair; and

WHEREAS, in 1991 the Hudson River Valley Greenway was created in part to establish a network of multi-use trails along both sides of the Hudson and will link with the Joseph B. Clarke Rail-Trail having a link to Piermont, South Nyack and Nyack River trails; and

WHEREAS, the corridor forms a superior connection between and among communities to this Agreement and enhances the linkage of residential communities, commercial and business sites, civic, institutional and recreation lands and waters.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Cresskill hereby declare that it is their intention to work with Towns in the Northern Valley to pursue reuse of the corridor as a “Green Way”; to jointly accommodate future light rail and non-motorized public access and recreational trail use, or as a single purpose “rail-trail” recreational facility; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Cresskill intend to work with Towns in the Northern Valley in the planning, design, grant writing and activities necessary to advance corridor reuse; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Cresskill recognize the amount of work such an undertaking involves and as such hereby agree to the formation of an Interlocal “GREEN WAY” Planning Committee (“Committee”), whose official membership shall consist of one mayoral appointee from the Northern Valley towns. The Committee shall meet regularly, keep records, develop a project work plan, host meetings and public events, work with stakeholders and serve as a forum for coordinating municipal, county, state, federal and regional agency activities. The Committee shall not be authorized to enter into contracts, expend money, maintain a budget, approve expenditures, or incur any liability on behalf of the Borough. The Committee will be an advisory Committee to plan and coordinate the undertaking with the Borough Council maintaining responsibility to take any necessary action, expend any money, enter into any contract or incur any liability.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Borough of Cresskill recognizes that Towns in the Northern Valley will consider passing a similar resolution and is willing to enter into a memorandum of understanding after all resolutions are passed.

Motions

19. Appoint Matthew Ferraro to the Cresskill Volunteer Fire Department, effective immediately.
20. Mayor Romeo pulled Resolution #4 (#12) from the consent agenda for discussion. We are applying for a grant to pay for 222 Piermont Road at 100%. We received partial funds from Bergen County and our Engineer Paul Azzolina feels we can get additional funds through the Green Acres Program. Mr. Azzolina agreed.
Mayor Romeo opened the meeting to the public on this resolution only.

Mr. Richard Calabrese, 42 Engle Street said you purchased and knocked down two other houses on Piermont Road. People are currently using this land, though not paved, for parking. What are the plans for this area after 222 Piermont Road is also knocked down. Mayor Romeo said we have been trying to purchase 222 Piermont Road for many years and once it came on the market we purchased it. Our plans are to enhance the Merritt Field. Our Engineer recently finished the plans and they will be available for the public to

view shortly. Our plans are to pave the land where the first two houses were for parking. We will raze and resituate the Little League field closer to Margie Avenue. This will make it of Little League regulation for Williamsport, with a snack shop and a lit press box. The existing four softball fields will be rearranged and in the middle will be a full size lit soccer field. We will also be putting in a new playground. Our one cent tax has enabled us to go out and buy properties and are then looked on favorably for receiving matching grant money.

21. Motion by Council Member Spina and seconded by Council Member Cleary to close the meeting to remarks on Resolution #4 (#12).

Roll Call: Yes - Unanimous Motion adopted.

22. Motion by Council Member Spina and seconded by Council Member Cleary to adopt Resolution #4 (#12).

Roll Call: Yes - Unanimous Motion adopted.

REMARKS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC CONCERNING THE CONSENT AGENDA ONLY [Reported by Deputy Borough Clerk Patricia A. McKim.]

23. Members of the Environmental Commission requested it be on record, their support of Resolution #10 (#18), the Planning and Development of the Green Way. Steve Moldt said his understanding is this resolution is so the Environmental Commission can become part of the exploratory committee. Mayor Romeo said they will not be running the show, but will participate with the other Northern Valley towns.

No one else wished to be heard.

24. Motion by Council Member Spina and seconded by Council Member Cleary to close the meeting to remarks on agenda items.

Roll Call: Yes - Unanimous Motion adopted.

25. Motion by Council Member Spina and seconded by Council Member Cleary to consider all items marked with an asterisk as a single question.

On the question: The Borough Clerk announced that copies of all items marked with an asterisk have been posted in the Borough Hall and made available to the public.

Roll Call: Yes – Unanimous Motion adopted.

26. Motion by Council Member Spina and seconded by Council Member Cleary to adopt all items with an asterisk as a single question.

Roll Call: Yes - Unanimous Motion adopted.

PRESENTATION OF BILLS

27. Resolution by Council Member Olmo and seconded by Council Member Cleary:

(Resolution in full on pages 31A through 31G.)

Roll Call: Yes – Unanimous Resolution adopted.

REMARKS FROM THE PUBLIC FOR THE GOOD AND WELFARE OF THE BOROUGH [Reported by Deputy Borough Clerk Patricia A. McKim.]

28. No one wished to be heard.

29. Motion by Council Member Spina and seconded by Council Member Cleary to close the meeting to remarks from the public.

Roll Call: Yes – Unanimous Motion adopted.

30. Motion at 7:58 P.M. by Council Member Spina and seconded by Council Member Cleary to adjourn the meeting.

Roll Call: Yes - Unanimous. Motion adopted.

Benedict Romeo
Mayor

Barbara A. Nasuto
Borough Clerk